

Amendments to the Claims:

1. (currently amended) A cover with a container of a dual cover system for the gas-tight closure of the container (1a) for containing radioactive or toxic waste materials, the cover (1) and the container (1a) being adapted in their design to each other and having a round or polygonal shape with a seal surface (10) arranged between said container (1a) and said cover (1), said cover (1) including at least two clamping closure mechanisms (11-14) distributed around the circumference of said cover (1), a clamping closure mechanism operating structure (2-7) arranged in the center of said cover (1) and being coupled to said clamping closure mechanisms (11-14) for synchronous operation thereof, said container (1a) having recesses (14') for form-locking engagement of said clamping closure mechanisms (11-14), said clamping closure mechanism operating structure (2-7) including a central grasping head (2) for engagement by an operating structure of a cover of a dual cover system, and including a collar stud (4) which is axially movably supported in said central grasping head (2), a spring (5) engaging said collar stud (4) for actuating said clamping closure mechanisms (11-14), an operating arm (8) extending from said clamping closure mechanism operating structure (2-7) to said clamping closure mechanisms (11-14), each clamping closure mechanism ~~operating structure (2-7)~~ (11-14) comprising an outwardly extending elbow lever structure with an upper elbow lever pivotally supported by an upper pivotal support bearing (12) on said cover (1) and a lower elbow lever (11) pivotally mounted on the operating arm (8) and pivotally connected to said upper elbow lever, said operating arm (8) being connected to said collar stud (4) for operating said clamping closure mechanism (11-14).

2. (previously presented) A cover according to claim 1, wherein said seal surface (10) is provided with one of a rubber and plastic material disposed on one of the container rim and the container seal surface (10).

3. (currently amended) A cover according to claim 1, wherein each recess (14') consists of one of a groove, a stepped portion, and an indentation ~~and a support ring mounted to~~ provided on said container (1).